

Minutes of the Cando City Council

The Cando City Council met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:03 pm at the Towner County Courthouse. Councilors Bjornstad, Klingenberg, Miller, Halverson and Scott were present, with Mayor Bjornstad presiding. Councilor Olson was absent.

A motion was made by Councilor Klingenberg and seconded by Councilor Scott to approve the agenda with an addition added under New Business. All voted aye and the motion passed. Motion by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the minutes as written. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business: Josh Reiner from Moore Engineering appeared before the council to talk about the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF). Apparently, Cando ranked high in this program this year, and more information will be coming from the State in the coming weeks. Brad Muscha, also from Moore Engineering was also at the meeting via Teams to give the council an update on the timeline for the sewer project. Muscha said that they are now projecting to have a draft of the agreement from the USACE in mid-March, and that the Easement Agreements for the project are completed and ready for the council to review. He also told council that the preliminary design is progressing and the electrical engineers have been working on the design of the lift stations. Muscha wrapped up with his report by asking the council which fuel source they would prefer: propane, natural gas or diesel for items that require it. The council decided to go with propane. The council discussed the property that was deeded back to the city in December. They decided that they will put it up for a minimum bid of \$4,000, with the successful bidder providing plans to either repair or demolish the house on the property. The house at 304 4th Ave was discussed and the council decided they wanted to get some clarification from the City Attorney, so they tabled that subject till the next meeting. After obtaining more information about the chair lift in the Audi, a motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Halverson to spend up to \$9,000 to get the chair lift repaired at the Audi Theatre. All voted aye and the motion passed.

New Business: The council talked about the term lengths for the Cando Community Development Board (City Sales Tax), and if it was possible to extend them. They asked the Auditor reach out to the City Attorney to get more information. The financials for November 2023 were reviewed and acknowledged.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilor Bjornstad and seconded by Councilor Klingenberg. All voted aye and the motion was passed.

At 8:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Rance, Recorder

Bills for Approval for January 2, 2024			
Salaries PP#26	\$ 8,408.08	Advanced Bus. Methods	\$ 88.81
Northeast Regional Water	\$ 9,792.15	Cando Park Board	\$ 6,529.30
Scott Gable	\$ 258.40	Cando Fire Department	\$ 4,500.00
Visa	\$ 1,312.87	Can-Do Seniors	\$ 6,000.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$ 838.89	Standard Insurance	\$ 33.60
TC Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 18,059.50	Cando Home&Hardware	\$ 377.31
Lane Pederson	\$ 1,300.00	FICA/MED/FED	\$ 3,215.42
Ironhide Equipment	\$ 116.71	ND Tax Commissioner	\$ 341.62
Circle Sanitation	\$ 15,159.00	Staus Family Ent.	\$ 241.79
NRG Technology	\$ 1,106.00		
Cassie Axtman	\$ 90.00		
Digital Office Centre	\$ 58.79		
		Total:	\$ 77,828.24